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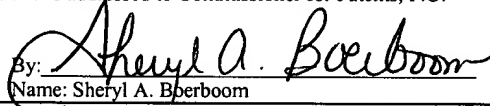
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 22, 2003.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search at least the group II invention drawn to methods of treating a NO associated disease with a VEGF receptor agonist comprising a VEGF variant and the claims of Group VIII, claims 14-19, drawn to a method of stimulating production of NO by a VEGF receptor agonist comprising a VEGF variant. Applicants submit a search of treating a NO disorder is likely to generate publications that also concern the method of stimulating production of NO.

Even though, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group II (1-2, 4, 8 and 10) for prosecution in the instant application. In

regards to the species election, Applicants elect amino acid substitutions D63S, G65M, and L66R. Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 8, 10-15 and 18-19 are readable in the elected species. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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